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We take you on an unforgettable journey to the Kimberley, one of the world's most precious wilderness regions. We wonder at the majestic scenery, learn about Aboriginal culture and maybe even bring home a souvenir: Argyle Diamonds or Broome Pearls.

Experience the Exceptional...

- The Kimberley region – spread over Australia's entire north-western corner – is considered one of the world's last wilderness frontiers. Here we will find prolific wildlife, majestic canyons, freshwater swimming holes and several outback stations.
- Extraordinary scenery: cruise the Katherine River, with a journey of discovery through the magnificent Nitmiluk Gorge. Cruise along Lake Argyle and tour the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park and its beehive shaped Bungle Bungle Range.
- An unforgettable experience as we ride camels along Cable Beach with the sun setting over the Indian Ocean!
- Discover how pearls are grown in Broome and how Argyle Diamonds are mined with a chance to buy both!



MONDAY 07 MAY 2019

SYDNEY OR DARWIN

Depending on flight schedules, which are not yet released, we will either fly direct to Darwin or do a 1-night stopover in Sydney, before continuing to Darwin the next morning.

TUESDAY 08 MAY 2019 (B, D)

DARWIN (3 nights or 4 nights depending on flight schedule)

- Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin

If we are able to fly directly to Darwin on the 7th May, we will enjoy a day of leisure and free time to explore.

If we are unable to fly directly to Darwin on the 7th May, we will fly from Darwin to Sydney this morning (8th May) after a 1-night stopover. Following our arrival in Darwin, we will enjoy a day of leisure and free time to explore.

WEDNESDAY 09 MAY 2019 (B, D)

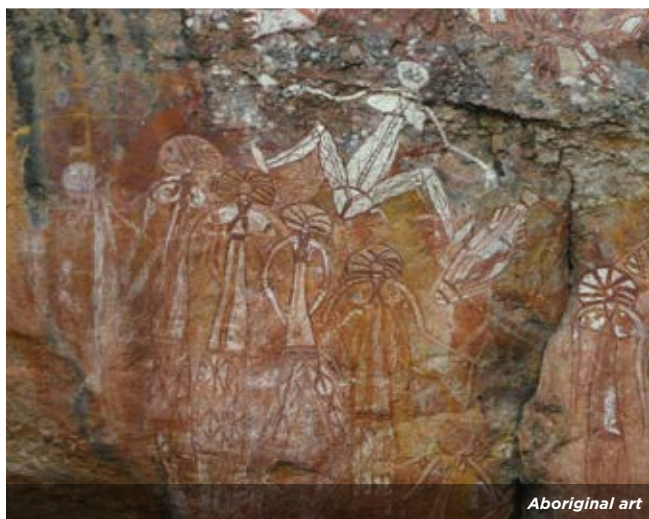
Highlights include:

- A sightseeing tour of history. Did you know more bombs were dropped on Darwin during World War 2 than Pearl Harbour?
- Visit the East Point Military Precinct to uncover the "Defence of Darwin".
- Tour Darwin's magnificent Botanic Gardens.
- Enjoy our welcome dinner at one of the finest restaurants in Darwin.

THURSDAY 10 MAY 2019 (B)

Highlights include:

- Visit one of Darwin's top attractions to discover Australia's deadly saltwater crocodiles. At Crocodylus Park you will have the chance to get up close and personal with these prehistoric creatures, including a cruise and guided tour of the croc farm.
- Tour to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin, which features the largest permanent display of Aboriginal art in Australia. It also houses a fascinating display about Cyclone Tracy which devastated the city on Christmas Eve in 1974.
- Visit to Darwin's Stokes Hill Wharf and the Royal Flying Doctor Service Museum, which features an amazing virtual reality display depicting the 1942 bombing of Darwin.



- Wander the iconic Mindil Beach Sunset Market and enjoy dinner at leisure with international cuisines on offer including Vietnamese, Indian, Italian or why not try the Road Kill Café for some local fare!

FRIDAY 11 MAY 2019 (B, L, D)

KATHERINE (1 night)

- Paraway Motel

Today we leave Darwin and start our journey to the top end of Australia! Katherine River, which is part of the Nitmiluk National Park, is absolutely spellbinding with its beautiful river and gorge.

Highlights include:

- Pass through Adelaide River which is the site of the only Australian war cemetery on Australian soil.
- Lunch at the Pine Creek Railway Resort Restaurant. Pine Creek stumbled into existence when the workers building the Overland Telegraph Line in 1870 dug up some gold while digging holes for telegraph posts.
- Continue to Katherine and discover the cultural significance of the first 2 gorges to the traditional landowners - the Jawoyn people aboard the Nit Nit Dreaming Katherine Gorge Cruise.
- Enjoy a journey of discovery through the magnificent Nitmiluk Gorge before checking into our overnight accommodation in Katherine.

SATURDAY 12 MAY 2019 (B, L, D)

KUNUNURRA (2 nights)

- Kununurra Country Club Resort

Kununurra is the gateway town to the East Kimberley and a great base for exploring some of Western Australia's most remarkable natural attractions. These include the World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park and its beehive-shaped Bungle Bungle Range.

Highlights include:

- A tour through the picturesque scenery that will still be green and lush from the recent wet season.
- Keep an eye out for massive termite mounds on the way.
- Enjoy a stop at Joe Creek before arriving at the Lake Argyle Resort for lunch.

- This afternoon, cruise Lake Argyle, Western Australia's largest freshwater man-made reservoir, and discover the amazing variety of agriculture it supports in conjunction with the Ord River Scheme.
- Returning to dry land, travel to Kununurra.



Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine Gorge



Bee Hive formations at the Bungle Bungles

SUNDAY 13 MAY 2019 (B, L, D)

Early this morning, enjoy a 2-hour scenic flight (optional extra) for an unforgettable adventure over the Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine, Ord River and takes in the Kimberley's best scenic views.

Highlights include:

- Travel to Kelly's Knob for a great lookout over Kununurra and the Ord River.
- Enjoy a guided tour and a rum tasting at the Hoochery Distillery, the only rum distillery which is 100% owned, distilled and bottled in Australia.
- Enjoy lunch at the delicious Hoochery Café before returning to Kununurra for some free time and a rest before dinner.

MONDAY 14 MAY 2019 (B, L, D)

HALLS CREEK (1 night)

- Kimberley Hotel

Halls Creek is the gateway to a range of renowned natural attractions, including the World Heritage-listed Bungle Bungle ranges of Purnululu National Park and the Wolfe Creek Crater.

Highlights include:

- Diamonds are a girl's best friend when we visit the largest diamond producer in the world, the Argyle Diamond Mine. It's also the only known significant source of pink and red diamonds, producing over 90% of the world's supply.
- Enjoy lunch at the Argyle Diamond Mine's Workers Camp.
- On our travels through the Kimberley, pass through Durack which was named after the Durack family, the Kimberley's best known pastoral pioneers. Brothers Patrick and Michael Durack famously drove cattle across the wilds of northern Australia from Queensland to the East Kimberley, to establish Argyle Downs Station in the 1880's.
- Continue along the Great Northern Highway to our overnight destination of Halls Creek which is situated on the edges of the Great Sandy Desert and the Tanami Desert.



Lake Argyle



Goldrush Miners Monument, Halls Creek

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2019 (B, D)
FITZROY CROSSING (1 night)

- Fitzroy River Lodge

Set on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River, Fitzroy Crossing is a true outback town.

Highlights include:

- Visit a sub-vertical quartz vein known as China Wall. Protruding 6m from the earth's surface, the weather resistant quartz substance is visible from here to the Bungle Bungles.
- Travel to the Fitzroy River Lodge, then a short distance to the beautiful Geikie Gorge. Named after the Director General of Geological Survey for Great Britain and Ireland in 1883, the gorge abounds in natural beauty and wildlife.
- Cruise the gorge with a local tour guide before returning to the lodge.

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2019 (B, L, D)
BROOME (2 nights)

- Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

Highlights include:

- Explore the Derby area this morning, which includes the famous Boab Prison Tree, a 1,500 year old boab tree that was used as an overnight lockup for prisoners.
- Stop for lunch at the Spinifex Café before travelling west to the coastal tourist town of Broome.

THURSDAY 17 MAY 2019 (B, L, D)

Highlights include:

- Visit a pearl farm and learn about how Broome pearls are grown - Broome is famous for its historic pearling industry and this morning we join Willie Creek Pearl Farm to discover the journey of the Australian South Sea Cultured Pearl from shell to showroom amidst the magnificent Kimberley landscape.
- Learn how pearl technicians seed and harvest oysters and discover exactly what makes the perfect pearl.
- Cruise Willie Creek's azure waters and view live oysters suspended in their natural environment among the native flora and fauna.

- Just before dusk, an unforgettable experience as we ride camels along Cable Beach with the sun setting over the Indian Ocean!
- Finish an amazing day with dinner at one of the iconic Chinese restaurants.



FRIDAY 18 MAY 2019 (B, D)

PERTH (2 nights)

- Duxton Hotel

Today we fly from Broome to the Capital of Western Australia, Perth, covering over two thousand kilometres.

SATURDAY 19 MAY 2019 (B, D)

Highlights include:

- Visit the beautiful Kings Park, one of the largest inner-city parks in the world.
- Travel south to the historic port city of Fremantle. Today, the trendy nature of the city is evident in artisan food, trendy cafes, quirky boutiques and vibrant weekend markets. However, its past is still evident in its well-preserved architectural heritage, including convict-built colonial-era buildings.
- Enjoy some free time in the main shopping precinct and visit the fascinating Maritime Museum, home of the America's Cup 1973 winner "Australia II".
- Gala farewell dinner with music.

SUNDAY 20 MAY 2019 (B)

Today we transfer to the Perth airport for our flight home. We hope you enjoyed your trip to discover The Kimberley, one of the world's most precious wilderness regions.

MONDAY 21 MAY 2019 (B)

Arrive home this morning still in awe of the majestic scenery and experiences we have enjoyed on this trip.





\$10,770 *per person
twin share*

Single Room supplement add \$1,630

Initial Deposit on booking **\$1,250**

Second Deposit due 08 November 2018 **\$2,000**

Final Balance due 17 January 2019

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Air New Zealand flights - Auckland - Darwin direct or via Sydney // Perth - Auckland (all flights dependent on flight schedule), including all taxes.
- 13 nights accommodation: Sydney (1 night) and Darwin (3 nights) OR Darwin (4 nights) (depending on flight schedule, which is not yet released), Katherine (1 night), Kununurra (2 nights), Halls Creek (1 night), Fitzroy Crossing (1 night), Broome (2 nights), Perth (2 nights).
- Numerous scenic experiences including cruises on both the Katherine River and Lake Argyle, trips to Geikie Gorge and Willie Creek, camels rides on Cable Beach, Ord River and a scenic flight over Bungle Bungle Range (optional extra).
- Special flavours, including tour and talk on Broome pearls, visit and tour of Argyle Diamond Mine (the largest diamond mine in the world), rum tasting at Hoochery Distillery and Crocodylus Park visit to see the crocodiles.
- City tours of Darwin including Royal Flying Doctors Service Museum, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Mindil Beach Sunset Market and Darwin's Stokes Hill Wharf; and Perth tours including Kings Park and Fremantle.
- All breakfasts, 6 lunches, 11 dinners and morning and afternoon teas.
- Escorted by Alex Milligan and escorts to be confirmed.
- All taxes, tips and portage included.

MODERATE WALKING TOUR

This tour requires a better level of fitness with no wheelchairs or walkers. Generally, there may be times when we can't get the coach close. In some of our Pacific Island tours we will need you to transfer onto a tender and walk on soft sand. We also will have much longer flights and long walks through airports.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$150.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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